

REMARKS

Consideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Claims 17, 18, and 20-32 are pending in the application.

The Preliminary Amendment filed January 10, 2005 inadvertently contained two claims numbered "26." The second occurrence of claim 26 has been cancelled and the subject matter of that claim is now recited in new claim 32. No new matter has been added.

The allowance of claims 27-31 is acknowledged with appreciation.

The indication of allowable subject matter in claims 19, 20, 25 and 26 is acknowledged with appreciation.

Claim 17 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 19.

Claim 20 has been amended to be in independent form by incorporating the subject matter of base claim 17.

Claim 25 has been amended to be independent form by incorporating the subject matter of base claims 17 and 21-24.

No new matter has been added by these amendments.

The objection to claims 17-26 at paragraph 1 on page 2 of the Office Action is obviated by the amendments set forth above. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

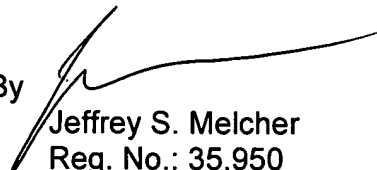
The rejection of claims 17, 18 and 21-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,256,930 is obviated by the amendments set forth above. Claims 17, 18 and 21-24 now include the allowable subject matter of claim 19. Accordingly, withdrawal of the Section 102 rejection is respectfully requested.

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In view of all of the objections and rejections of record having been addressed, it is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance and Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

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